

The Day Of The Lord

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[0 : 0 0] The 4th of September, the Day of the Lord, the great and awesome Day of the Lord, Joel 2.31. Robert Browning wrote in one of his poems, God's in his heaven, all's right with the world.

It is true that God is in heaven, but it is also sadly true that all is not right with the world. But one of the great themes of the Bible is that things are not going to remain that way forever.

God has a special day coming when all that is wrong in the world will be put right. The Old Testament prophets called that special day the Day of the Lord.

Sometimes they emphasized that the day would be a day of fearful judgment. Sometimes the emphasis was on the happy salvation of God's people, Malachi 4.2-3. In the New Testament, we read about that day as the day God has set when the entire human race will be judged and everything set right, and he has already appointed the judge.

Acts 17.31, the message. The judge will be the Lord Jesus, our risen Savior. It's very easy to live as if that day will never come.

[1 : 1 3] We think it's something we don't need to worry about or bother with. But that is very foolish. Jesus himself said, Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25.13 Jesus is coming again on the great and awesome day. To be ready for that special day, we should live in a God-honoring way so that when he comes, we will not be ashamed.

And a prayer. Dear Lord, help me to live in such a way that I will rejoice to meet you at your coming. Amen.